

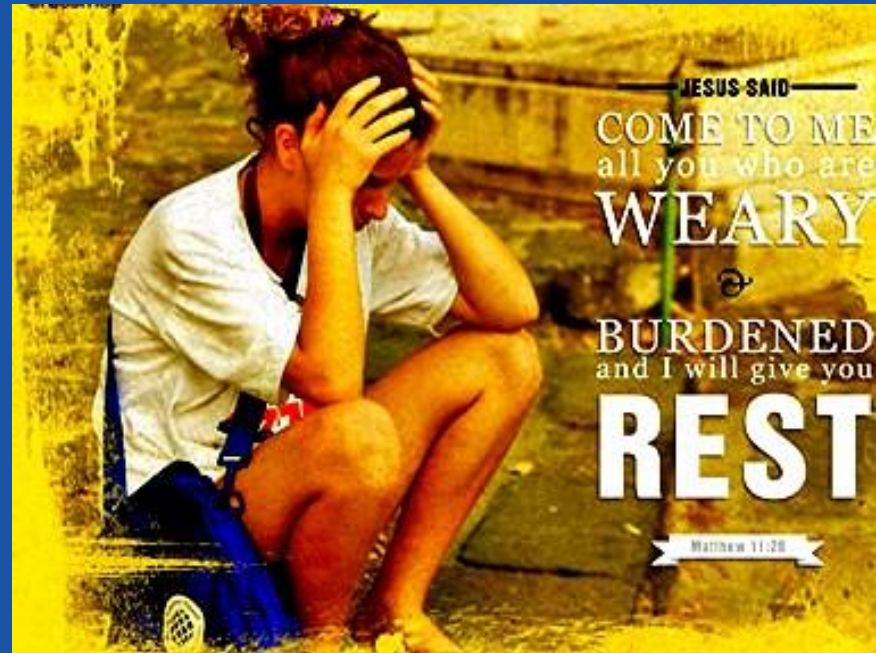


CONVERT ?

- Acts 3:19 KJV *“Repent....and be converted...”*
- **Epistrefo** means turn, pivot and NOT “convert”
- Convert means to become something else entirely
- Roman Church was gentiles-only, and if Jews wanted to become “Christians” they had to quit being Jewish
- For 1700 years a wall has existed between Judaism and Christianity, that is really a wall between Jews and their Messiah
- Romans 2 & 3 Jews remain Jews, gentiles remain gentiles

WHICH LORD?

- *Anapsyxis* = respite, rest
- Yeshua Matt. 11:28 “...I will give you rest....”
- YHWH Ex. 33:14 “Set your mind at rest, My presence will go with you....”
- Acts 3:20 In this case “the Lord” is The Father
- Yeshua remains in Heaven until the Father sends Him back to restore all things
- It is by the Father’s power that restoration will occur



YESHUA
**AGENT OF
GRACE**

- Father and son relationship is strictly in the Hebrew Middle Eastern sense (not Greek, not 21st century)
- **Shaliach** = agent, proxy
- Matt. 28:18 “...**all authority in Heaven.....given to Me..**”
- The Father did NOT transfer power to Christ, and then become an empty vessel and retire
- The power the Son wields is the Father’s power

MOSES: PROPHET AND MEDIATOR



- Peter says the Prophets all spoke about Yeshua
- Deut. 18 Moses warns to obey the next “prophet like him” or be destroyed
- Only Moses and Yeshua were Prophets and Mediators
- Peter says these Jews in front of him are the “sons of the Prophets”
- Means they are the inheritors of the prophecies
- Moses and Yeshua came to the HEBREWS

ACTS CHAPTER 4



- The persecutions begin
- The confrontation with the Temple authorities was the same day as the healing of the cripple
- Priests, Captain of the Temple Police and the Sadducees came to arrest Peter and John
- Same authorities who had recently arrested and condemned Yeshua

SADDUCEES NOT WELL LIKED

- Seen as cold and heartless
- Viewed as lackeys of the Romans
- Pharisees were the more popular party among the mainstream Jews
- Issue of resurrection greatly separated the 2 parties
- Essenes a 3rd party, and they had their own view of resurrection





- Essenes believed: Body is corrupt and temporary
- Souls forced to live imprisoned in these corrupt bodies
- After death the soul is released
- Soul is immortal
- Therefore it is important to constantly seek righteousness

THE PHARISEES

- Believed the soul is eternal
- Soul of the good transfers to another body upon death
- Soul of the wicked suffers eternal punishment
- Soul survives bodily death
- Rewards and punishment in the grave



THE SADDUCEES

- Believed that the soul perishes at bodily death
- Man has a free will to choose to do evil or good
- Do not believe in afterlife, penalties in the underworld, or rewards for righteous living
- Do not believe in the Oral Torah, **ONLY** the written Torah of Moses
- **NO** resurrection



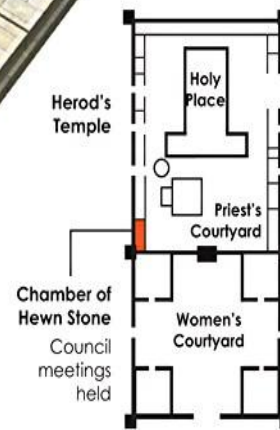
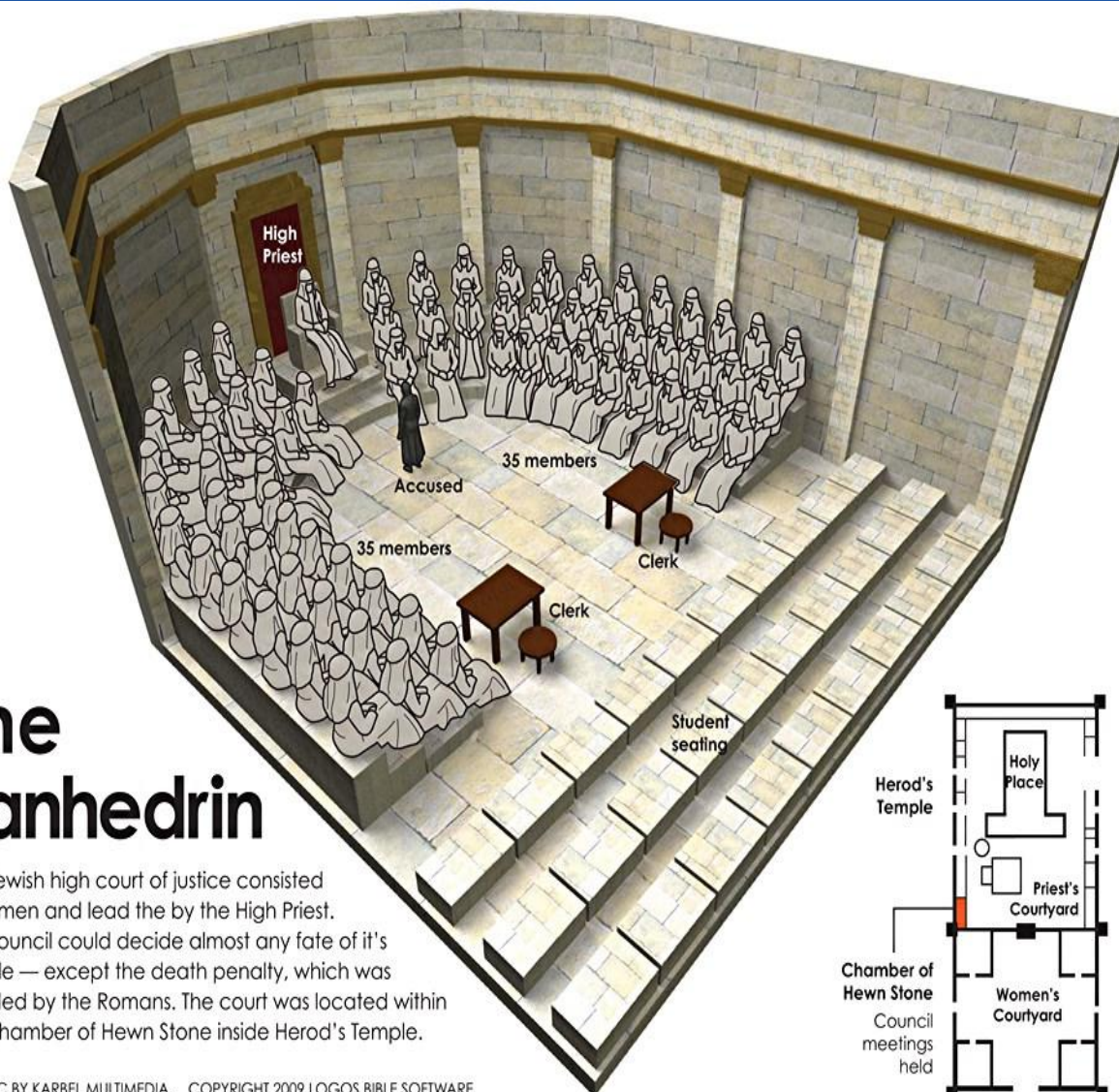
CAPTAIN OF TEMPLE POLICE



- “Priests” are referring to the Chief Priests
- Several of them, the most senior priests
- **Sagan** = Temple Police Captain
- Police were Levites
- Sadducees were wealthy aristocrats
- High Priests were Sadducees

THE GREAT SANHEDRIN

- Supreme Court of the Jews
- Dealt with criminal matters among the Jews
- 71 men, including the High Priest as the leader
- Worked on a “bench” system
- Most senior in front, most junior in back



The Sanhedrin

The Jewish high court of justice consisted of 71 men and led by the High Priest. The council could decide almost any fate of its people — except the death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The court was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside Herod's Temple.

PETER AND JOHN ARRESTED

- Greatest legal authority in Judea arrested them
- 5000 men came to believe (plus more women)
- **Andron** = males
- Rulers, Elders, and Scribes were various classes of members of the Sanhedrin
- Rulers = Chief Priests
- Elders = Jewish nobility, but were lay people



SCRIBES

- What a Scribe did evolved over time
- In the NT era they had become a new kind of ruling class
- ***Chakhamim*** = ordained scholars
- Trained in writing skills
- Most people could read but not write
- Scribes had to make their own paper, stylus, ink



ANNAS AND CAIAPHAS

- Along with the rulers, elders, and scribes came Annas, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander
- Those 4 men all belonged to the High Priestly family
- Priesthood no longer operated according to Torah Law
- Hasmon Family took over civil and religious governing after 164 B.C. rebellion
- High Priest no longer of proper line of descent, the line of Zadok
- High Priest was to be for life, now it was usually only for a few years
- No longer inherited, but chosen



THE POWERFUL ANNAS FAMILY



- Annas is called High Priest, but he was an ex-High Priest
- Annas the Patriarch of a High Priest family
- Caiaphas was his son-in-law and the current High Priest
- Annas appointed by Quirinius in 6 B.C.
- Caiaphas replaced him 8 or 9 years later
- This is how it was at the time of Christ, the Apostles, and until the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.